



PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: K. Ikemoto et al. : Art Unit: 2832
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MANUFACTURING METHOD :

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated January 30, 2002, Applicants are unable to elect a single invention for further prosecution.

The reason why Applicants' representative is unable to elect is because the Restriction Requirement does not correspond to Applicants' pending claims. These amendments are clearly indicated by the Declaration/Power of Attorney, which was filed in response to the Notice of Missing Requirements, which was filed on July 20, 2000. Copies of the Declaration and of the three amendments, which should have been entered in this case, are enclosed.

Applicants are willing to make an election upon being presented with an election requirement, which corresponds with Applicants' pending claims.

Respectfully Submitted,

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